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MEMORANDUM

TO: Architects
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FROM: Jerry W. Jones
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RE: Location of Suppression Agent Cylinders
Code References: NFPA 12A:2-1.3.2
NFPA 2001:2-1.3.2
NFPA 12:1-8.4.1

DATE: December 16, 1996

QUESTION - Is it the intent of the code sections identified above to prohibit the location of suppression agent cylinders within the room or area protected by those extinguishing agents?

ANSWER - Yes. Pursuant to NFPA 12A:2-1.3.2, NFPA 2001:2-1.3.2 and NFPA 12:1-8.4.1, it is the opinion of this office that it is the intent of the code committees to prohibit the placement of total flooding extinguishing agent cylinders within the area protected. Therefore, it shall be the interpretive policy of this office to prohibit the suppression agent cylinders from placement within the areas protected unless the cylinders are separated from the area protected by construction having a minimum one-hour fire-resistance-rating so as to limit the possibility that the initiation of fire would damage the cylinders before operation.

Reviews of total flooding suppression system shop drawings will reflect the above interpretation.

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